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**TO:** Honorable Mike Green  
Honorable Phil Potvin

**FROM:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** FY 2014 Value-Added Grants

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In accordance with Public Act 59 of 2013, Section 701(6), attached is the required report on the Value-Added Grant Program, as awarded. Final project outcomes are June 30 therefore, they are not available at this time.

Additional information regarding the purpose of these grants or funding can be directed to Nancy Nyquist at (517) 284-5735.

Attachment

cc: Representative Terry Brown  
Representative Jon Bumstead  
Representative Nancy Jenkins  
Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood  
Senator John Moolenaar  
Jamie Clover Adams, Director, MDARD  
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## Department of Agriculture and Rural Development FY 2014 Value-Added Rural Development Grant Program

On November 4, 2013 MDARD issued a press release announcing the availability of grant funds with proposals due to the Department on January 10, 2014. The Department received a total of 53 proposals with requests totaling \$3.4 million from across the state of Michigan. Of those, MDARD awarded the following projects on April 21, 2014:

Applicant	Address	Project Title	Amount Funded
Michigan State University Department of Bio-Systems & Agriculture Engineering,	East Lansing, MI	Feasibility of Using Sugar Beet Pulp to Produce Chitosan as a High-Value Bioactive Agent for Food and Agriculture Applications	\$67,976.00
Allen Neighborhood Center	Lansing, MI	Allen Market Place is Open for Business: <i>Providing Training, Mentoring, and Marketing Opportunities to Mid-Michigan Growers.</i>	\$72,856.00
Farmers' Egg Co-operative "Grazing Fields"	Charlotte, MI	Growing Grazing Fields: Increasing Regional Farm Production and Expanding Commercial Markets.	\$75,000.00
Growing U.P. Agricultural Assoc.	Chatham, MI	Upper Peninsula Community Food Systems Teaching Farm	\$27,347.00
Coveyou Farms, LLC	Petoskey, MI	Using "Green" Technology to Grow Greens Organically... Geothermal Heat Pump Technology for Winter Lettuce Production.	\$53,500.00
Albion Economic Development Corporation	Albion, MI	Albion Community Food Center	\$75,000.00
Uptown Reinvestment Corporation	Flint, MI	Flint Food Works: Creating Sustainable Business Opportunities and for Residents and Farmers in the Flint and Genesee County Region	\$75,000.00

Big Head Farm, Inc.	Benton Harbor, MI	Midwest Organic Berry Processing Facility	\$75,000.00
Love Meats	Rudyard, MI	Love Meats USDA Certification	\$75,000.00
The Starting Block, Kitchen Incubators, Oceana County & Grow Benzie, Benzie County	Hart, MI	West Michigan Kitchen Incubator and Farm Stand Collaborative to Expand Value Added Agriculture/Dairy Processing via Equipment, Outreach, and Training	\$75,000.00
Valicor	Dexter, MI	Value Added Processing of Distillers Corn Oil	\$74,360.00
Michigan Cherry Committee	Dewitt, MI	Enhancing Knowledge of Michigan Tart Cherries	\$47,262.00
Eastern Market Corporation	Detroit, MI	Eastern Market Producers' Cooperative	\$75,000.00
		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$868,301.00</b>

Projects were required to submit a progress report to MDARD on August 29, 2014 and all projects are currently on schedule. Awardees will submit a progress report to MDARD on December 15, 2014 and a final project report is due on or before June 30, 2015.